

(c) The Regional Director may require you to provide a bond, in an amount the Regional Director prescribes, before authorizing you to drill a shallow test well.

(d) Your bond must be on a form approved by the Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 62 FR 27955, May 22, 1997, § 251.6-4 was revised, effective Aug. 20, 1997. For the convenience of the user, the superseded text is set forth as follows:

#### **§ 251.6-4 Bonds.**

Before a permit authorizing the drilling of a deep stratigraphic test will be issued, the applicant shall furnish to the Minerals Management Service a corporate surety bond of not less than \$50,000 conditioned on compliance with the terms of the permit, unless the applicant maintains with or furnishes to the Minerals Management Service a bond in the sum of \$300,000 conditioned on compliance with the terms of the permit issued to him for the area of the OCS where the applicant proposes to conduct the drilling of a deep stratigraphic test. The Director may require the submission of a bond before authorizing the initiation of shallow test drilling. Any bond furnished or maintained by a person under this section shall be on a form approved or prescribed by the Director, Minerals Management Service.

#### **§ 251.6-5 Duration of exploration activities.**

If a deep stratigraphic test well is drilled within 50 geographic miles of any tract within the area identified for consideration for leasing as listed on the currently approved OCS Leasing Schedule, all drilling activities must be completed, and the information and data submitted to the Director at least 60 days prior to the first day of the month in which the lease sale is scheduled to be held. However, the Director may extend the expiration date of a permit if it is determined that such an extension is in the national interest.

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### **§ 251.7 Inspection and reporting of progress and results of activities conducted under permits.**

#### **§ 251.7-1 Inspection and observation of exploration activities.**

(a) A permittee, upon request by the Director, shall furnish food, quarters, and transportation for Federal representatives. Upon request, the permittee will be reimbursed by the United States for the actual costs incurred as a result of providing food, quarters, and transportation for a Federal representative's stay of more than 10 hours. The Federal representative shall observe or inspect operations conducted pursuant to the permit and determine whether operations are having any adverse effects upon the environment, aquatic life, cultural resources, or other uses of the area.

(b) The Federal representatives shall be appointed or approved by the Director.

#### **§ 251.7-2 Progress report on activities conducted under a permit.**

Each permittee shall submit status reports on a monthly basis in a manner approved or prescribed by the Director. This shall include a daily log of operations.

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#### **§ 251.7-3 Final report on activities conducted under a permit.**

Each permittee shall submit to the Director a final report of exploration or scientific research activities under the permit within 30 days after the completion of operations. The final report shall contain the following:

(a) A description of the work performed.

(b) Charts, maps, or plats depicting the areas and blocks in which any exploration or scientific research activities were conducted, specifically identifying the lines of geophysical traverses or the locations where geological exploration or scientific research activities were conducted, including a